

Remarks

Claims 2-3 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Claim 2 has been cancelled and Claim 3 has been amended to address the indefiniteness cited by the Examiner. Specifically Claim 3 has been amended to provide antecedent basis for the phrase "the outside tank wall", antecedent basis for the phrase "the central inlet tube", and antecedent basis for the phrase "the vanes provided on the rotating vessel wall". Also, Claim 3 has been amended to further specify that the vanes on the outside tank wall interleaf with vanes provided on a rotating vessel wall that is located between the central inlet tube and the outside tank wall.

Claims 1, 2, 4, and 5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by JP 6-114254, as being anticipated by JP 2002-45671, and as being anticipated by Muntener (US 6,280,076). Applicant has cancelled Claims 1, 2, 4, and 5.

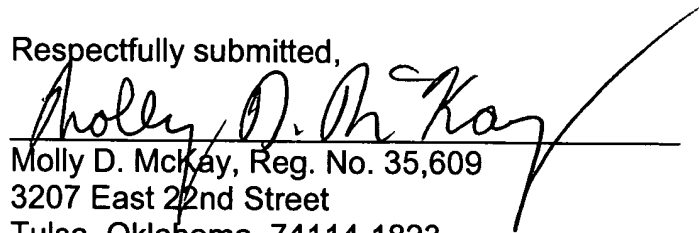
Applicant gratefully acknowledges that Claim 3 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112 and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has so rewritten Claim 3 and believes Claim 3 is now allowable.

Applicant also acknowledges that Claims 6-11 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in

independent form including all on the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has so rewritten Claim 6-11 and believes that these claims as also now allowable.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees to the deposit account of the undersigned, No. 13-0470.

Respectfully submitted,


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Enclosures:

5 sheets of amended claims
2 replacement sheets of drawings
\$200.00 check for small entity fee for 2 independent claims in excess of 3

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